

Minutes of the Executive Committee
Of the
Niagara River Greenway Commission
Beaver Island State Park
June 17, 2008 @ 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Robert Kresse at 1:47 p.m. and the roll was called by the Secretary Paul Leuchner. A quorum of members was present.

Attendees: Robert Kresse, Commission Chairman
Richard Soluri, Vice-Chair
Paul Leuchner, Commission Secretary
Ron Pilozzi, Commissioner
Mark Thomas, NYSOPRHP
Rob Belue, Executive Director, Niagara River Greenway Commission

Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 20, 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Richard Soluri and seconded by Commissioner Ron Pilozzi. The minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Report from the Treasurer

The Treasurer's report was postponed until the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Report from the Chairman

Chairman Robert Kresse reported that Commissioner Elise Cusack (New York Power Authority) has resigned due to personal reasons. She will be replaced by D. Patrick Curley.

Standing Committee Protocols

Chairman Robert Kresse provided a brief overview of the protocols that had been adopted by the Standing Committees. Chairman Kresse stated that the Niagara River Greenway Commission has no statutory authority to comment upon or otherwise influence the scope or content of the protocol agreements. However, the Commission as a whole or individual Commission members acting on their own behalf may choose to provide comment and direction that will assist the Standing Committees in the performance of their own work. The Chairman then asked the Executive Director Rob Belue to present a summary of each of the approved Standing Committee protocol agreements

Meeting With the Niagara Parks Commission

Chairman Kresse reported that he had met with Jim Williams, Chairman of the Niagara Parks Commission in Ontario, Canada on June 10, 2008. Information was exchanged and as a result of their discussions it is likely that members of the Niagara River Greenway Commission and their Canadian counterparts will be meeting in the near future.

Funding

Chairman Kresse reported that a Committee will be established for the purpose of dealing with funding issues. He designated John Giardino as the Committee Chair. The Chairman noted that he will be contacting Mr. Giardino to discuss the purpose and function of this Committee and following that discussion will appoint additional members.

Niagara River Greenway Brochure

Executive Director Rob Belue distributed a draft of the brochure and advised that it will be sent to all members of the Commission for review. Following this review the brochure will be finalized at the next meeting and then printed for public distribution.

Paddles Up Niagara 2008

Commissioner Paul Leuchner provided a brief update on Paddles Up Niagara 2008 which will take place in Beaver Island State Park on July 26, 2008.

Universal Trail Assessment (UTAP) Training

Commissioner Paul Leuchner reported that he had been selected for the training offered by Parks and Trails New York. The course will be held July 15th through July 16th at Gilbert Lake State Park near Oneonta, New York. There is no tuition cost. However, there will be travel and lodging expenses. These expenses have been accounted for in the Niagara River Greenway Commission budget and were approved for reimbursement at the last meeting of the Executive Committee.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting of the Executive Committee was made by Richard Soluri and seconded by Mark Thomas. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Paul G. Leuchner, Secretary
Niagara River Greenway Commission